

4-Day Hayward Fiesta Planned

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HAYWARD, July 15.—Scores of pretty girls from All Saints Church and parish will take part in the four-day fiesta which begins Thursday to mark the breaking of ground for the new \$200,000 parochial school.

Bishop Don Jose V. Alvarnez of Cochin, India will preside at the ground breaking exercises next Sunday afternoon, officially representing Archbishop John J. Mitty of San Francisco.

Highlight of the four-day fete, which concludes Sunday afternoon, will be a big barbecue for the thousands of visitors. A parade of civic, fraternal and religious organizations through the streets of Hayward will precede the ground breaking exercises.

The new school will be of Spanish colonial architecture, designed by Vincent Buckley of San Francisco and blending into the mission style of All Saints Church which it adjoins.

A solemn tridium in honor of St. Anthony next Thursday morning heralds the opening of the fiesta. Father Julio A. Martins, the pastor of All Saints, celebrating the mass.

CHURCH SCHEDULES GROUND-BREAKING

Ground-breaking ceremonies for a new \$200,000 parochial school for All Saints Church and Parish at Hayward will take place within the next 60 days, the Rev. Julio A. Martins, pastor of the church, announced today.

Farther Martins said the building, with 246 feet frontage on Second Street and 120 feet on E Street, will be of Spanish-Colonial architecture.

The school will have eight classrooms, a kindergarten, library, assembly room, cafeteria, kitchens and auditorium with modern stage. It will provide educational facilities for 500 students. A public entrance to the assembly room on E Street will enable use of portions of the building for parish activities at night.

Announcement of the school construction is a feature of an extensive building program fostered by Father Martins. Since becoming pastor of the church four years ago, when he transferred from the Church of the Five Wounds at San Jose, he has remodeled the church building along mission lines, making it one of the most beautiful in the area. All Saints parish was established in 1898, and the church was built in 1909.

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ABOUT A WEEK before Independence Day in 1909, Archbishop P.W. Riordan of San Francisco ceremoniously placed the cornerstone for the All Saints cathedral in front of 5,000 spectators at 2nd and D Streets in Hayward.

The church, with its huge belltower, cost \$30,000 to build in lavish, Spanish baroque style. In fact, it may have been too lavish — some parishioners of the time thought the pastel shades of the church's inner murals should have been toned down.

All Saints mission was founded in 1868 as an extension of St. Leander Church in San Leandro. By 1898 Hayward had grown large enough to merit its own parish, and when the last nail was hammered in 1909, the church seated 625.

In 1934 the congregation celebrated its silver jubilee with a pageant of 100 children, magicians and a society night.

The church opened its parochial school in 1947. By the early 1960s there was an urgent need for more space, so an auxiliary building for church and school administration was constructed.

The church has suffered several minor fires over the years, including an early-morning blaze in March 1976 that may have been arson. The fire destroyed the church's hymnals before firefighters could reach the church, resulting in \$17,000 worth of damage.

On its 75th anniversary in 1984, earthquake reinforcements and other renovations were done to the church.

Under the leadership of Pastor Albana Oliveira, All Saints now boasts a congregation of 2,000 families.